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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 HEARS GUAM'S NON-VOTING DELEGATE

CINCPACREP GUAM FOR STATUS LNO

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1. GUAM'S NON-VOTING DELEGATE, CONGRESSMAN WON PAT, APPEARED AT HIS REQUEST AS PETITIONER BEFORE UN COMMITTEE OF 24'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES JULY 11. WON PAT HAD REQUESTED HEARING LATE LAST SUMMER (REFTEL) AFTER COMMITTEE OF 24 ISSUED REPORT ON GUAM CRITICAL OF US ADMINISTRATION OF TERRITORY.

2. WON PAT'S STATEMENT STRESSED THAT GUAMANIAN PROUD OF US CITIZENSHIP AND LINK TO US, AIMING EVENTUALLY FOR STATEHOOD AND NOW DISCUSSING INTERIM POLITICAL STATUS SINCE "STATEHOOD NOT NOW A PRACTICAL ENDEAVOR". HE SAID ONE IMPETUS TO RECENT INTEREST OF GUAMANIAN IN STATUS QUESTION HAS BEEN TALKS BETWEEN US AND NORTHERN MARIANAS. WON PAT ALSO PROVIDED SUB-COMMITTEE WITH DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW NON-VOTING DELEGATE IN US CONGRESS ABLE TO REPRESENT EFFECTIVELY PEOPLE OF GUAM. STATEMENT CONTAINED NO MENTION OF US MILITARY BASES ON GUAM. WON PAT EXPRESSED NO OPINION ON EITHER MARIANAS OR COM STATUS TALKS. WON PAT OPENED STATEMENT
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BY COMMENDING UN FOR ITS "CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE DEPENDENT

TERRITORIES OF THE WORLD AND FOR PROGRESS MADE IN REDUCING COLONIALISM."

3. AT CONCLUSION OF WON PAT'S STATEMENT, SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (ETHIOPIAN DELEGATE TADESSE) EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VISITING MISSION WOULD BE INVITED TO GUAM TO SEE FOR ITSELF DEVELOPMENTS THERE. SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASKED A FEW POLITE QUESTIONS ABOUT WORK OF NON-VOTING DELEGATE BUT STEERED CLEAR OF CONTROVERSY.

4. COMMENT: SUB-COMMITTEE GAVE WON PAT EXTREMELY FRIENDLY RECEPTION, POSSIBLY BECAUSE POTENTIALLY HOSTILE MEMBERS SUCH AS BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IRAQ DID NOT ATTEND. (WE BELIEVE ABSENCE OF EASTERN EUROPEANS WAS NO ACCIDENT, SINCE CZECH DELEGATE TOLD MISOFF APOLOGETICALLY IN JUNE THAT WHEN GUAM CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE OF 24 HE MIGHT , IF PRESENT, HAVE TO ASK "DIFFICULT QUESTION" ON US MILITARY BASES.) SUB-COMMITTEE'S RECEPTIVITY TO WON PAT'S FACTUAL PRESENTATION APPEARS TO US ADDITIONAL ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF EVENTUAL COMMITTEE OF 24'S VISITING MISSION TO GUAM.
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